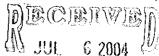
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RAIL SAFETY SECTION

Docket No. T04-0051

Norfolk Southern (OWNER)
METRA (LESSEE)
Joint Petitioners,
vs.

Illinois Department of Transportation, Cook County and Village of Orland Park,
Respondents.

Petition of the Norfolk Southern and Metra seeking an order of the Illinois Commerce Commission directing that an additional

track and grade crossing be construction at 135th Street (DOT 478 772H) on the Norfolk Southern, in Orland Park, IL.

RESPONSE TO JOINT PETITION

NOW COMES Respondent, State of Illinois, Illinois Department of Transportation ("Department"), by and through its attorney Lisa Madigan, Attorney General for the State of Illinois, and as its Response To Joint Petition, the Department states it takes no position with regard to the requested relief as the requested relief does not impact the existing interconnect system in a manner which would necessitate a change in the existing interconnect system.

Respectfully submitted, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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NOTICE OF FILING

To: Mr. Thomas W. Ambler, NS
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have this 1st day of July 2004, forwarded to Mr. Dave Lazarides, Director of Processing, Transportation Division, of the Illinois Commerce Commission, Springfield, Illinois, for filing in the above matter, a Response To Joint Petition, a copy of which is attached hereto and hereby served upon you.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing instrument was served upon the addressees listed below by mailing a true and correct copy via first class mail, postage pre-paid and depositing the same in the United States Mail, Springfield, Illinois, this 1st day of July 2004:

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